



WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

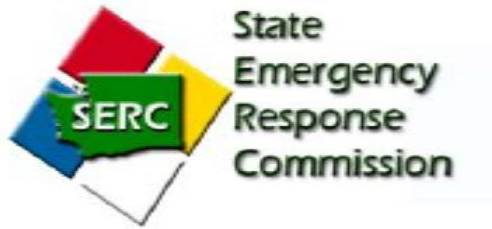
- Mr. Richard Schroedel, Pierce County Emergency Management - Primary Emergency Management Representative
- Mr. Paul McNeil, Washington State Emergency Management Division - Primary Washington State Military Department Representative
- Mr. John Ridgway, Washington State Department of Ecology - Alternate Washington State Department of Ecology Representative
- Mr. Brian Felczak, City of Kent Emergency Management – Alternate Local Emergency Planning Committee Westside Representative
- Ms. Lee Shipman, Shoalwater Bay Tribe – Tribal Representative
- Mr. John Geppert, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries - Primary Washington State Department of Labor and Industries Representative
- Mr. Mark Ligman, The Boeing Company - Alternate Private Industry Representative
- Mr. John Scheer, Franklin County Department of Emergency Management - Local Emergency Planning Committee Eastside Representative
- Ms. Julie Whaley, Washington State Department of Transportation - Washington State Department of Transportation Primary Representative
- Mr. Roger Wheeler, The Boeing Company - Primary Private Industry Representative

SUPPORT STAFF and GUESTS PRESENT

- Mr. Ron Bowen, Washington State Patrol
- Mr. Jim Kadrmas, Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Ms. Chris Moores, Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Ms. Stefani Christensen, Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Mr. Brad Gould, Renton Fire Department
- Mr. Robert Homan, Renton Fire Department
- Ms. Idell Hansen, Environmental Protection Agency
- Mr. Doug Corkum, Environmental Protection Agency

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Jim Kadrmas. Jim Kadrmas thanked Mark Ligman and The Boeing Company for hosting the meeting and for coordinating a tour of their facility.



Guests from the Renton Fire Department were recognized. They were attending the meeting to learn about the SERC and the actions that they need to take in order to develop their own Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Self - introductions were made by the other members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Kadrmas motioned for approval of the September 29, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Jim informed the SERC that he is still waiting on the official announcement of the new SERC Chair. Citing Chapter 118-40-040 (2) of the WAC, Jim stated that the Emergency Management Council (EMC) will appoint the SERC, therefore he has arranged to have the appointment of a new SERC placed as an agenda item for next month's EMC meeting.

WORKGROUP REPORTS

Training Coordination

Stefani Christensen, Washington State Emergency Management

Stefani provided the following information.

- Course availability from the Transportation Technology Center Inc (TTCI) Pueblo, CO.
- Calendar and information handouts listing course dates and types of HazMat training offerings.
- Information on one consortium school and the plan to highlight one school (rather than many) during future meetings.
- Coordinating instructors, online registration and preparations for the Hazardous Materials Workshop to be held at the HAMMER Training Facility in Richland.

For further information contact Stefani Christensen at (253) 512-7046 or e-mail s.christensen@emd.wa.gov

Training Coordination

Ron Bowen, Washington State Patrol

Ron provided the following information:

- The State Fire Marshall coordinated training for more than 3,800 people this year.
- All but \$950 from the FFY 2011, \$257,322 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant was spent.
- Next year's schedule is complete and classes are taking place. Currently coordinating instructors and presenters now for the 2012 HAMMER Workshop to be held at the end of



March, the LEPC Conference to be held in May, and the Fire Chief's Association Conference also to be held in May.

For further information contact Ron Bowen at (360) 596-3923 or e-mail ron.bowen@wsp.wa.gov

NEW BUSINESS

- A discussion took place regarding proposed changes to Tier-Two reporting requirements and reporting form. (background – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed new reporting requirements and a new report form, which is substantially different than the one that our state is currently using. The proposed changes were released for comment, but the comment period has ended).
 - Idell Hansen from EPA stated that the National Association for SARA Title III Public Officials (NASTTPO) supported the proposed changes, but that EPA has not made an announcement of what changes will be implemented. The new reporting requirements will not be implemented for at least a year.
 - Jim Kadrmas stated that during the NASTTPO Conference Kim Jennings from EPA said that the new reporting requirements will most likely be implemented for use beginning March 1, 2014 (for reporting year 2013). Jim also stated that during the NASTTPO Conference he commented that our state had been using its own form and electronic reporting system long before EPA's new reporting requirements came out and that modifying our software applications now to reflect EPA's new criteria and the outreach efforts required to educate our businesses would be very costly.
 - Brian Felczak suggested that the SERC submit a request for an extension to the comment period.
 - John Ridgway commented that we have a quite a while before we are required to start using the requirements and suggested that we place it on our next SERC meeting agenda. John stated that the Department of Ecology is the lead for Tier Two Reporting and other EPCRA requirements and that they will look further into the issue.
 - It was agreed that the topic would to be revisited during the next SERC meeting, but research and discussion regarding our course of action should continue.
- Roger Wheeler provided an overview of the Boeing Company HazMat Program.
- Mark Ligman and members of The Boeing Company Staff provided a tour of their facility.

NEXT /FUTURE MEETING

To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 at the conclusion of the tour.